

## **Human Relations Task Force (HRTF)**

July 2, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

### **A. Welcoming Remarks/Announcements by Chair Moser**

### **B. Roll call : 6:45 pm**

Present: Moser, Lee-Goodman, MacDonell, Rhone, Tyler, Dahman

Staff liaisons: Sgt. Brian Smith

Council liaison: Brenden

Guest: Antonio Benitez

### **C. Public comments:**

None

### **D. Special reports: None**

### **E. Approve Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes from 6/3/2019 meeting

Moved: MacDonell; Seconded: Rhone; Yes: 5, No: 0. Abstained:1

### **F. Status Informational reports**

Smith reported no new hate crimes in June. He had no report of ongoing cases.

#### **2. Coordinating Council News/ activities- Tyler**

No report, since the Coordinating Council is dark through the summer.

#### **3. Donation Balance- Smith**

The current balance is \$5,051.54. This will be updated for next month.

### **G. Administrative items:**

- Moser is hoping to get an event calendar started now with whatever information is available. This will be posted on HRTF website. An internal calendar will be initiated with more working details.
- Latin Heritage month in September and Native American month in November- Rhone  
Rhone is working with Antonio Benitez to develop a program for the Latin Heritage month; tentative date for the event is Sept. 19th. She is still planning some type of poetry event.
- Native American heritage month will be celebrated on November 5th or 6th. No specific plans are available yet.

- HBReads- Tyler  
No report; since there had been no meeting this month.
- Tools for Tolerance-Lee-Goodman  
Lee-Goodman has done outreach to the HB School District to set up dates for the teachers to attend professional development classes at Museum of Tolerance. No dates have been set yet.
- HRTF Board Professional Development- Lee-Goodman  
Lee-Goodman has submitted a list of six tentative topics for HRTF professional development to Martin.
- Youth Diversity Leadership Award  
Award will be presented on August 18th at City Council meeting. There was further discussion of how to conduct the search for award submissions in the future. It was agreed to redefine the criteria and outreach and the language used to define what we are looking for in an awardee.  
Motion to appoint Lee-Goodman as the lead in establishing revamped Community Diversity Leadership Award by Moser; seconded by Dahman; all approved,
- Windows and Mirrors; Moser  
No dates have been set to deliver books to the middle schools; Moser is planning a September delivery. Books going to elementary schools will be determined at a later date.
- HB Listens-Moser  
Moser suggested doing an event monthly and at the same location. This could be a conversation, a panel discussion or a film. An email list of attendees will be developed so people will be informed of upcoming events. Brenden suggested collaborating with a group such as HB Interfaith Council; Moser suggested Golden West College and OC Human Relations as possible partners. Rhone suggested that we consider doing this bimonthly or quarterly. Moser will tour Central Library for possible available locations.
- Youth Voices-Moser  
Moser distributed description and summary of the project. Also included were detailed suggestions for future contests.

#### H. Task Force Member Announcements

- Moser announce the hate crimes report by the OC Human Relations will be released in Sept.

#### I. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items

- Moser suggested that we involve police officers on a more personal level when possible.

Rhone asked about doing ride-alongs or walk-alongs with police.

Smith suggested attending the Citizens Academy held twice a year; Ono suggested the Spanish Citizens Academy.

MacDonell suggested that the task force become familiar with how active hate groups are in Huntington Beach. Smith responded that law enforcement is not seeing crimes being committed by these groups.

Moser reported the Hate Crime Prevention Network is looking at what is searched on the web about certain subjects.

In answer to the question regarding the appointment of new HRTF members, neither Brenden nor Ono could give a specific date for interviews.

Adjourned at 8:20 pm to Tuesday, August 6, 2019.

Huntington Beach Central Library, room B, at 6:45 pm.